

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Reply, claims 1, 3-6, and 8-10 will remain in this application. Claims 2 and 7 have been canceled. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The amendments appearing above were made after consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 3 on page 2 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in this application are in proper form.

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 2,419,134 to Hall in view of U.S. Patent 2,526,528 to Zickler et al. Reconsideration is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that replacement of the head of screw 61 of the Hall locator with a pointed operating end such as the end 25 of the Zickler et al. punch as the Examiner proposes on page 3 of the Office Action is unsupported by a proper rationale. The pointed operating end 25 of the Zickler et al. punch is not provided in order to "be more easily insertable into holes"; this pointed operating end 25, instead, is provided in order to effect a center punch mark as discussed in lines 2-8 in column 2 of the Zickler et al. patent.

In addition, the Zickler et al. punch includes a hollow permanent magnet 19 contained in a non-magnetic bushing 18 within an external sleeve 13. The magnet 19 retains the punch 24 in such a manner that it is not easily movable when a hammering action is effected upon the punch (see, for example, lines 4-10 in column 1 of the Zickler et al. patent). The Zickler et al. patent disclosure does not suggest using magnetic material in an environment, e.g. that of the locator forming the subject matter of the Hall patent, in which such a hammering action does not take place. The Zickler et al. punch, moreover, is adapted to be placed on a flat sheet 10 of material; there is nothing to suggest that the Zickler et al. punch can be used upside down on metallic objects. There is no teaching provided by the Zickler et al. disclosure to add magnetic material to the "shell" presumably formed by ball 1 (Figure 1) or ball element 36a (Figure 3) of the Hall locator for the reason set forth by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, i.e. "in order that the locator can fit on metallic objects upside down".

For reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 based on the Hall and Zickler et al. patents should be withdrawn.

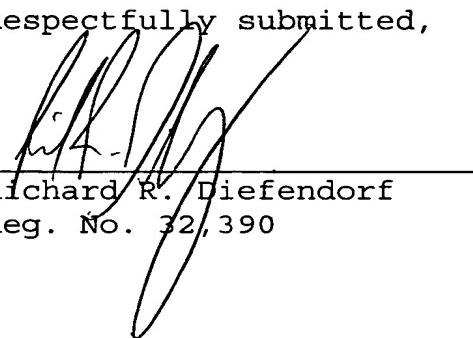
U.S. Patent 4,220,187 to Holmes was relied on in combination with the Hall and Zickler et al. patents discussed above in a rejection of claims 5 and 8-10. Withdrawal of the

rejection of claims 5 and 8-10 is in order for the same reasons discussed above.

This application is presently in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions after considering this Reply, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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